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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: EFIS, GY, UR

SUBJECT: USSR-GUYANA FISHING AGREEMENT

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1. SOVIET NEGOTIATING TEAM WHICH ARRIVED IN GUYANA TWO WEEKS AGO WITH A DRAFT FISHING AGREEMENT IN HAND DID NOT SUCCEED IN GETTING THEIR DRAFT ACCEPTED. INSTEAD, THEY HAVE OBTAINED AN "AGREEMENT TO AGREE" WITH THE GOG. THIS AGREEMENT OUTLINES PROPOSED AREAS OF COOPERATION INCLUDING JOINT RESEARCH AND FISHING ACTIVITIES IN GUYANA'S TERRITORIAL WATERS AND TRAINING OF GUYANESE FISHERMEN. PRESS REPORTS PROVIDE NO FURTHER DETAILS. THE THREE-MAN SOVIET TEAM WHICH INCLUDED IVAN SHINKARYOV, CHIEF OF WESTERN FISHERIES, DEPARTMENT OF MINISTRY OF FISHERIES OF USSR LEFT GUYANA ON MAY 15.

2. REPORTEDLY THE SOVIET TEAM ARRIVED IN GUYANA WITH THE INTENTION TO COMPLETE THE AGREEMENT OF A TREATY WITHIN A CONFIDENTIAL

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WEEK, BUT WE HAVE HEARD FROM GUYANESE OFFICIALS THAT AGREEMENT IS DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE. AS FONMIN WILLS HAD INDICATED TO US EARLIER (REFTEL), THE GUYANESE WANT AN AID PACKAGE IN RETURN FOR GRANTING THE FISHING AGREEMENT. PERSONS CLOSE TO THE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY WERE CLOSE TO BREAKING OFF AT SEVERAL POINTS.

3. COMMENT: FONMIN WILLS CONFIRMED TO CHARGE THAT THE FISHING "AGREEMENT" HAD NO SUBSTANCE AND THAT TALKS WOULD BE CONTINUED LATER. HE SAID BURNHAM WANTS AN AID PACKAGE INCLUDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AS PART OF ANY AGREEMENT.
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